

INTERNATIONAL CROP AND WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS
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EUROPE – Highlight: Additional Rain Aids Summer Crops, Slows Fieldwork

- Persistent, locally heavy showers across **central and northern Europe** slow small grain maturation and harvesting but aid reproductive to filling summer crops.
- Cooler, showery weather on the **Iberian Peninsula** stabilizes conditions for late-filling summer crops but slows early harvesting.

FSU – Highlight: Hot, Dry Weather Continues In Eastern Ukraine And Southern Russia

- In **eastern Ukraine** and the **Southern District in Russia**, unfavorably hot, dry weather worsens conditions for filling corn and sunflowers but aids rapid small grain harvesting.
- In the **Central and Volga Districts in Russia**, several days of warm, dry weather help small grain harvesting and early winter grain planting.
- In **major spring wheat producing areas of Russia and north-central Kazakhstan**, cool, showery weather favors immature crops.

EASTERN ASIA – Highlight: Drier Weather In China; Tropical Storm In Japan

- Drier weather prevails in **China**, easing wetness in the **south** but reducing soil moisture and increasing irrigation demands for corn, cotton, and soybeans north of the **Yangtze River**.
- Tropical Storm Wukong floods rice areas in **southern Japan**.

SOUTH ASIA – Highlight: Heavy Monsoon Rain Continues

- In **central and western India**, heavy showers favor vegetative summer crops but cause additional flooding.

SOUTHEAST ASIA – Highlight: Monsoon Begins To Peak

- In **Vietnam**, monsoon showers cause some flooding in **Central Highland coffee** areas and **Red River Delta rice** areas.
- Heavy monsoon showers benefit rice in Thailand, but resume flooding in the **Luzon region of the Philippines**.

AUSTRALIA – Highlight: Some Rain In The West

- In **Western Australia**, showers in the **south** boost soil moisture for vegetative winter wheat and barley.
- In **southern and eastern Australia**, dry, relatively mild weather continues, further reducing moisture supplies for jointing winter grains.

SOUTH AMERICA – Highlight: Rain Benefits Brazilian Wheat While Dryness Persists In Argentina

- Showers increase moisture for immature winter wheat in key **southern growing areas**. In **central Brazil**, warmth and dryness aid harvesting of coffee and citrus.
- Unfavorably dry weather persists in major winter wheat areas of **central Argentina**.

CANADA – Highlight: Spring Crop Harvesting Advances Across The Prairies

- Dry, seasonably warm weather promotes drydown and harvesting of **Prairie spring grains** and oilseeds.

MEXICO – Highlight: Locally Heavy Rain Builds Northwestern Reservoirs

- Unseasonably heavy monsoon showers help to replenish irrigation reserves in the **northwest**. However, showers are unseasonably light in the **south and east**, including the **southern plateau corn belt**.